

Washington Club Lucky in Having Series With Chicago White Sox Begin Tomorrow

SERIES WITH CHICAGO SHOULD BE THRILLER

Washington Fortunate in Having Its Fiercest Competitor Follow Cleveland—Why Capital Is Good Ball Town—Naps Downed Again.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Game with Cleveland today, 4 p. m.

It is all working out for the best with the Washington chances in the American League race just now, and the peculiar faculty of the fates in furnishing this city something interesting at the ball yard is still in evidence.

By beating Cleveland 8 to 4 yesterday after splitting the double-header the day before, Washington climbed into sixth place over the Chicago White Sox by just half a game. That narrow margin makes the game this afternoon worth special attention. And right after the Naps depart tonight, to, and behold, we have with us tomorrow those very same Sox, who are fighting us tooth and nail for the sixth round.

Verily, this Washington team can have more adventures than a dime novel detective.

A fan writes to inquire whether Washington is a good baseball town in the matter of attendance. It is. The best ever. It has supported losing teams with remarkable consistency, and completely confounded the bright young men around the circuit who in the winter spend much of their time transferring the franchise to Providence or some other burg. The American League managers are perfectly well aware that some cities might outdraw the National Capital with a winner, but there is no place on the map that would stick by a loser so well, and the robins have nested again some twenty times or more since there was a real winner within the confines of the District of Columbia.

Kid Stump has been in the field with influential backing for the president's job in the Oldest Inhabitants' Association.

But, while fate has slipped it to us in the matter of keeping a loser constantly on tap in Washington, it has worked in popular ways to furnish excitement in other lines. Joe Cantillon and his single-handed war with the National Commission, Frank Farrell, Sam Johnson, and others furnished, three years of lively topic and made the club an extremely good drawing card on the road, besides giving the District fans unlimited food for conversation. More frank plays have been pulled here than anywhere except in the St. Louis League, and Washington's unexpected spurts against contenders have more than once completely upset the dope on the league race and led to hard feelings. One of the very few triple steals ever seen took place right here in the Capital on April 27, 1908, by Davis, Combs, and Oldring, of the Philadelphia Athletics. The rule in last year's code, but not now in effect, charging an error to a pitcher who made a wild pitch on a third strike, was adopted because both of those rarities took place in one game here with Cleveland last season. It is just those little things that have made a fan here almost certain to take money with him, and it is with that in the piece of luck that when the White Sox got here tomorrow they will find the fans in the best of humor.

Strange that nobody seems to believe that story that an outfielder named Anderson of the Deep Haven, Minn. team, jumped in a lake, caught a fly ball while floating on his back, swam ashore and threw a runner out at home. It is scarcely anything more remarkable in that than the story that Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, was a league pitcher—and, besides, baseball reporters never tell fairy tales.

It was a severe ordeal to put an 18-pound youngster like Moyer up against the sluggers of the Cleveland batting order in the sixth inning at night. Lajoie and Bemis promptly jumped on him, for singles and caused him to be removed. When he was taken out, Moyer to try a pitcher because Washington had a big lead, it was not one to inspire confidence in himself or the fans, and he would have been astonished to find if he had not received exactly the dose that was handed him. A try against the White Sox, who are notoriously weak hitters, would have offered better opportunities for a good start on a career in fast ball pitching. But the first trials do not amount to much. No man ever made a worse start in the American League than did Groom, of Gray, neither of whom lasted out his first inning, if our memory is correct, but both of whom have become highly esteemed young men and are drawing nice wages for their later demonstrated ability.

Incidentally, they'll never take away Dolly Gray as long as he keeps going in his present stride.

For a man not a phenomenal hitter, Clyde Milan is raising a noisy disturbance in this league. He has been getting on bases, making runs, improving in his sacrifice and otherwise deporting and distracting himself as a useful member of the community. He outslugged himself yesterday when he made a wonderful one-hand catch off Graney in the fifth inning that cut off two Cleveland runs, got a hit and made three runs for himself. That gives the boy a looking for the Hall of Fame at this time, when Washington is trying so

Hero of Victory Over Cleveland Naps



CLYDE MILAN, His Running Catch of Drive Toward Clubhouse Was Big Factor in Game Yesterday.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY IN WORLD OF BASEBALL

With a little more experience in the big show Pitcher Barger, of Brooklyn, will be hard to beat.

Jimmy Barrett, playing with Milwaukee, is practically leading the American Association's batsmen, hitting around the .400 mark.

The Cincinnati team has been playing nice ball this season, and berring accidents will be "thar" or "tha" bouts at the finish.

"Honus" Wagner is slugging his way to the front with his trusty club and should be up among the select few before very long.

In Lewis, Speaker, and Hooper the Boston Red Sox have one glassy outfield. Anything that gets by these three babies has to go over the fence.

Bill Bradley relieves Perring now and then and plays third for the Naps. But even if he is not the end of the ginger stuff he used to carry.

The high standing of the Athletics is due to their victories over New York and Boston, their nearest competitors. A fine record for the White Elephants.

Rumors are traveling thick and fast in regard to the tumble of the Detroit Tigers. Jennings and Cobb on the outs seem to be the fabled leading topic.

Pitchers Sallee, of the St. Louis Nationals, and Arrelanes, of the Boston Americans, have both been suspended on account of not keeping in proper condition.

Right Fielder Walter, doing great work with the Hickorys, of the Highlanders. Like "Cy" Seymour, of the Giants, Walter was a pitcher, but quit the slab when the garden and made good as a heavy hitter.

Marty O'Toole, of the St. Louis team of the Western League, struck out eighteen men in a recent game with Lincoln, and yet lost, 7 to 6.

President John Dovey has announced that he had purchased Tyler, the Lowell pitcher, who will report to the Boston Nationals at the end of the New England League season.

The report that Connie Mack paid \$12,000 for "Lefty" Russell of the Baltimore team is considered a joke in the Boston American and Detroit camps. In the first place, Connie never gives up much real money for any players, and then again he undoubtedly had an option on any player Dunn had, as he turned over four players to Baltimore early in the season.—Boston Globe.

Ty Cobb was fined \$5 and suspended by President Ban Johnson for insulting a spectator at Cleveland. The Detroit club paid the fine, and Ty was immediately reinstated.

Robert L. Thomas, the horseman, has bought the Winchester franchise in the Blue Grass League, and will go into baseball with wild enthusiasm and a perfectly lovely bank roll.

Abbatichio looks as if he had renewed his youth. His cavorting around the Boston short field has been very fast in this series. He more than filled the hole caused by the defection of Charley Harbo, the lad who was too ambitious for his own good.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

President Hedges, of St. Louis, announces that he has released Outfielder "Red" Fisher to Louisville, of the American Association. Fisher came to the Browns this spring from the Omaha club, of the Western League. With Omaha Fisher was considered one of the stars of the league, and it was there

FORMER NATIONALS ARE DOING FINELY

Washington Pitchers and Baserunners Sent to Association Show New Life.

Cast-off pitchers from the American League are going good in the American Association this year, and the work some of them are doing makes the fans wonder just how much difference in class exists between the league and the association.

Lellvelt, brother of Washington's Jack Lellvelt, and with Detroit last year and part of this, where he failed to make good, has won four games and lost one for Minneapolis in the American Association. Jesse Tannehill, Washington cast-off, has won six and lost two for Minneapolis; Tom Hughes, Washington cast-off, has won sixteen and lost eight, an average of .687 when his team, Minneapolis, had a winning percentage of .553; Hank Gehring, tried and found wanting by Washington, has won twelve and lost eleven for St. Paul; Tom Cantwell, the former Georgetown University pitcher, who was signed by Cincinnati, has won two and lost three for Milwaukee, which is just about as good as Milwaukee is doing.

Davy Altizer, Washington and Chicago derelict, is second in baserunning in the American Association, having stolen thirty-six bases in eighty-nine games for Minneapolis. Otis Clymer, another Washington memory, is eleven in the association, with twenty stolen base in seventy-nine games.

STERLING TEAM SUES FOR BACK SALARY

STERLING, Ill., July 21.—The Sterling team of the Northern Association before disbanding made arrangements to sue either the Northern Association or President C. A. Burton for back salary amounting to \$14,000.

The Sterling team was the property of the Northern Association, and was placed in this city with the understanding that the association was to take all the profits or pay any deficit. Sterling gave \$1,999 cash to have the team here.

The players this afternoon received an announcement that the president had levied fines against them aggregating \$275. The fines were as follows: Brown, \$100; Saillard, \$50; Swain, \$50; Bales, \$50; Hickman, and \$25. \$100 each for refusing to play while back salary was due them; Blake, \$50, and Bales, Kernan, and Snyder, \$75 each.

CORNELL STUDENTS ACTIVE

ITHACA, N. Y., July 21.—Cornell students probably take a more active interest in athletics than any of the other big colleges. Out of 3,500 male students there, about 2,500 were engaged in some form of regular exercise in the current year. This is in the neighborhood of 90 per cent. The statistics includes varsity, intercollegiate, and minor sports teams.

Chick Bender, of the Athletics, is sick in bed with stomach trouble, and as he now enjoys, he will be able to work again for a week or two.



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START WITH SOX IN DOUBLE CARD

Washington Plays Two Games Tomorrow and Two Again on Monday.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Washington and Chicago will play a doubleheader here tomorrow, beginning at 2 p. m. There are two doubleheaders to be played with that team, and the second will be on Monday.

Relating will pitch this afternoon and probably Gray and Groom tomorrow, with Johnson as a special attraction on Saturday.

Henry and Beckendorf will have to divide the catching honors for a week or ten days, as Street's hands are so badly bruised from receiving Johnson's tremendous speed that it will be that long before he will be able to resume operations.

Manager McAleer was much pleased today at the manner in which Beckendorf caught Johnson the last three innings yesterday. The bases were full when Johnson took charge and he used his very greatest speed to save a threatening situation, but the sturdy German was not at all feazed and held the ball as well as any catcher in the league could have done.

Jack Hardy's ten days' notice of release expires today or tomorrow, but so far as is known he has not yet connected with another job.

Bill Rapp, the Washington native son, who was released by McAleer, has caught on at East Liverpool, Ohio, where he is highly popular and a shock to McAleer, even though it is this city.

Word has been received from Roy Withers that his arm is entirely gone so far as pitching is concerned, and he is down in the West "fingering" all fields, far from the national pastime. This final confirmation of the alarming reports about Withers' arm came as a shock to McAleer, even though it was expected. He remarked this morning that he would give \$5,000 to see the weakened wing restored to its old time vigor, for he thought Withers about as classy a young pitcher as any he had seen in years.

Moyer, the cub pitcher from Youngstown, Ohio, who distinguished himself by starting the sixth inning against Cleveland yesterday, and among others, Lajoie and Bemis to hit in a row, by no means signed his death warrant. It was a long chance to save Johnson the necessity for doing any work at all yesterday, explained Manager McAleer. "I thought he might get Turner out, then he would do no great harm if Lajoie made a single, but Turner spoiled it all by hitting. I instructed Moyer to serve nothing but low balls to all three of those fellows, for that was the proper drop to hand them, and he showed he had control by doing exactly that thing."

"It was remarked by some of the fans that Street seemed to be glad to get away from the plate when Johnson put on a full steam and fanned him yesterday," declared McAleer. "Don't let a little thing like that make you think less of Street or his courage. That is just the way I have felt after Amos Rusie fanned me when he cut loose with all his might in a pinch. I don't hardly believe that Rusie had more speed than Johnson, but he really marveled at his curve, and I have accepted the umpire's third strike decision with inward thanks more than once when Rusie had that curve sizzling around my head. Jim Buckley used to catch Rusie and do it well, but his hands were always out of shape with just such bruises as Johnson's delivery have caused. Street's hands, and I can thoroughly appreciate Street's position."

PAPKE TAKES BRIDE IN EARLY MORNING

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 21.—Billy Papke, the famous middleweight boxer, of Kewanee, Ill., and Miss Edna E. Pulver, aged twenty, of Hamilton, Ontario, drove into Buffalo late last evening in Papke's automobile, and in company with Edward H. McBride, a sporting writer of this city, roused a jeweler to get a diamond ring and a watch and procured a wedding ring, after which City Clerk O'Reilly was found and gave the young couple a marriage license. The party then went to the residence of the Rev. Elhan Curtis of the Niagara Square Congregational Church, where the marriage was performed.

CREWS IN TRAINING FOR BIG REGATTA

Baltimore Oarsmen Make First Trial Trip Over Course at Ferry Bar.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Baltimore oarsmen put in their first trials over the course at Ferry Bar in preparation for the National Regatta, which will be decided on the Potomac river at Washington on August 12 and 13.

Coaches "Jimmy" Rice and Harry Vail put the local lads through the hardest kind of work yesterday. The Riverside Boat Club of Cambridge is the latest aggregation to send representatives to the affair at Washington, and this body will have men in both the singles and the doubles, though at first it was thought an eight would be formed.

It is practically certain that Carey Faulkner, the club's fastest single sculler, will row in the singles, while Frank Davy and "Joe" Ryan will also compete. It has been noted about that O'Neill, who won the national single event last year, will not be on hand to defend his title. He will, however, row in the Halifax regatta, which is near his home.

HEARD AND SEEN AMONG OARSMEN

Jim Ten Eyck is at Ottawa again this year, and sends down word that he will have several crews in the National Regatta.

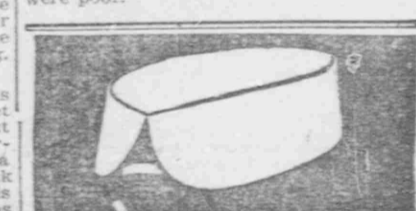
Saturday's regatta of the Hudson River Association was the last of the season's series of open regattas in and around New York.

The presence of that Winnipeg four, winner of the Stewards' Cup at the Henley regatta, would be a big thing for this year's National Regatta.

The crack four of the Arundels, of Baltimore, has been rowing together since 1905, having won over twenty races with the same four oarsmen participating in every race.

Lou Scholz, the Canadian single sculler, was scratched for the Canadian Henley regatta August 5 and 6, and will, of course, do no more rowing this year.

The Hudson River regatta was a failure this year. Three events had to be cut out because of lack of entries. Other events did not have any first class oarsmen entered, either, and the races were poor.



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Iowa—Des Moines, Aug. 25-Sept. 2.
Nebraska—Lincoln, Sept. 5-9.
Ohio—Columbus, Sept. 5-9.
Connecticut—Hartford, Sept. 5-9.
Minnesota—Hamline, Sept. 5-10.
Maryland—Timonium, Sept. 6-10.
Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Sept. 12-15.
Indiana—Indianapolis, Sept. 12-15.
South Dakota—Huron, Sept. 12-17.
West Virginia—Wheeling, Sept. 12-16.
Oregon—Salem, September 12-17.
New York—Syracuse, Sept. 12-17.
Kansas—Topeka, Sept. 12-16.
Kentucky—Louisville, Sept. 12-17.
Michigan—Detroit, Sept. 12-17.
Tennessee—Nashville, Sept. 12-17.
Montana—Helena, Sept. 12-17.
Oklahoma—Oklahoma City, Sept. 12-17.
Wyoming—Douglas, Sept. 12-17.
Illinois—Springfield, Sept. 20-Oct. 5.
Missouri—Sedalia, Oct. 17.
Utah—Salt Lake City, Oct. 2-8.
Virginia—Richmond, Oct. 2-8.
Alabama—Birmingham, Oct. 6-15.
Arkansas—Hot Springs, Oct. 10-15.
Texas—Dallas, Oct. 15-20.
Louisiana—Shreveport, Nov. 2-11.

CRAVATH HITTING WELL

MINNEAPOLIS, July 21.—Cravath, of Minneapolis, American Association League, holds the long distance clouting honors this year, polling out hits that have netted him sixty extra bases. "Gavvy" has eight homers to his credit, seven triples and twenty-six doubles. His nearest rival is St. Paul's Charley Paul, who holds the league mark for home runs, making ten, and boosting his mark up to within two bases of that of Cravath's.

BREAKS 189 STRAIGHT.

ALLENTOWN, July 21.—What is claimed to be the highest score ever attained by an amateur in Pennsylvania was made yesterday by Charles H. Kramlich, of this city, when at a regular shoot of the Lehigh Valley Shooting Association here he completed an unfinished event by breaking 189 targets straight.